

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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<b>In re</b>	:	
	:	<b>Chapter 11</b>
<b>SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION, <i>et al.</i>,</b>	:	
	:	<b>Case No. 18-23538 (RDD)</b>
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<b>Debtors.<sup>1</sup></b>	:	<b>(Jointly Administered)</b>
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**STIPULATION AND ORDER BY AND AMONG  
SELLERS, BUYER, AND LANDLORD THE BRUCE TRUSTS (I) EXTENDING  
TIME UNDER 11 U.S.C. § 365(d)(4) FOR LEASE OF NONRESIDENTIAL REAL  
PROPERTY AND (II) SETTING BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

This Stipulation and Order (the Stipulation and Order) is made as of May 7, 2019, by and between Sears Holdings Corporation and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the “Debtors”), Transform Holdco LLC, as Buyer (the “Buyer”) and the Bruce Trusts<sup>2</sup> (the “Landlord”) and together with the Debtors and the

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are as follows: Sears Holdings Corporation (0798); Kmart Holding Corporation (3116); Kmart Operations LLC (6546); Sears Operations LLC (4331); Sears, Roebuck and Co. (0680); ServiceLive Inc. (6774); SHC Licensed Business LLC (3718); A&E Factory Service, LLC (6695); A&E Home Delivery, LLC (0205); A&E Lawn & Garden, LLC (5028); A&E Signature Service, LLC (0204); FBA Holdings Inc. (6537); Innovel Solutions, Inc. (7180); Kmart Corporation (9500); MaxServ, Inc. (7626); Private Brands, Ltd. (4022); Sears Development Co. (6028); Sears Holdings Management Corporation (2148); Sears Home & Business Franchises, Inc. (6742); Sears Home Improvement Products, Inc. (8591); Sears Insurance Services, L.L.C. (7182); Sears Procurement Services, Inc. (2859); Sears Protection Company (1250); Sears Protection Company (PR) Inc. (4861); Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. (0535); Sears, Roebuck de Puerto Rico, Inc. (3626); SYW Relay LLC (1870); Wally Labs LLC (None); SHC Promotions LLC (9626); Big Beaver of Florida Development, LLC (None); California Builder Appliances, Inc. (6327); Florida Builder Appliances, Inc. (9133); KBL Holding Inc. (1295); KLC, Inc. (0839); Kmart of Michigan, Inc. (1696); Kmart of Washington LLC (8898); Kmart Stores of Illinois LLC (8897); Kmart Stores of Texas LLC (8915); MyGofer LLC (5531); Sears Brands Business Unit Corporation (4658); Sears Holdings Publishing Company, LLC. (5554); Sears Protection Company (Florida), L.L.C. (4239); SHC Desert Springs, LLC (None); SOE, Inc. (9616); StarWest, LLC (5379); STI Merchandising, Inc. (0188); Troy Coolidge No. 13, LLC (None); BlueLight.com, Inc. (7034); Sears Brands, L.L.C. (4664); Sears Buying Services, Inc. (6533); Kmart.com LLC (9022); Sears Brands Management Corporation (5365); and SRe Holding Corporation (4816). The location of the Debtors’ corporate headquarters is 3333 Beverly Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60179.

<sup>2</sup> Steven Bruce as Trustee of the STEVEN BRUCE REVOCABLE TRUST, a trust formed under the laws of the State of California dated July 16, 1996; Cara Bruce and Lou Cuida as Trustees of the CARA BRUCE IRREVOCABLE TRUST, a trust formed under the laws of the State of Virginia dated December 6, 1993; and

Buyer, the “Parties”), through their respective and duly authorized counsel of record.

**Recitals**

A. The Landlord and the Debtors are or were parties to a lease (as amended and/or modified, the “Lease”) of nonresidential real property (the “Premises”) located at 1001 Patton Avenue, Asheville, North Carolina (store # 4112).<sup>3</sup>

B. On October 15, 2018, the above-captioned debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Bankruptcy Court”).

C. On January 18, 2019, the Debtors filed and served on the applicable counterparties the *Supplemental Notice of Cure Costs and Potential Assumption and Assignment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases in Connection with Global Sale Transaction* (ECF No. 1774) (the “Supplemental Notice”).

D. On January 31, 2019, the Landlord filed the *Objection to the Supplemental Notice of Cure Costs and Potential Assumption and Assignment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases in Connection with the Global Sale Transaction and Notice of Expiration of Lease* (ECF No. 2281) (the “Landlord Cure Objection”) objecting to the Supplemental Notice.

E. On February 8, 2019, the *Order (I) Approving the Asset Purchase Agreement Among Sellers and Buyer, (II) Authorizing the Sale of Certain of the Debtors’ Assets Free and Clear of Liens, Claims, Interests and Encumbrances, (III) Authorizing the Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts, and Leases in Connection Therewith, and (IV) Granting Related*

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Allison Bruce and Lou Cuida as Trustees of the ALLISON BRUCE IRREVOCABLE TRUST, a trust formed under the laws of the State of Virginia dated December 6, 1993.

<sup>3</sup> Landlord and Buyer dispute whether the Lease has expired and whether the Landlord and Debtors are in privity with respect to any such Lease.

*Relief* (the “Sale Order”) (ECF No. 2507) was entered by the Bankruptcy Court, approving the sale of certain assets of the Debtors to the Buyer.

F. In accordance with the terms of the Sale Order, the Buyer was permitted to designate Additional Contracts and Designatable Leases (collectively, the “Additional Assigned Agreements”) for assumption and assignment for up to sixty (60) days after the Closing Date (the “Designation Rights Period”), which occurred on February 11, 2019. The Debtors and the Buyer agreed to an extension of the Designation Rights Period and, on April 12, 2019, the Debtors filed the Notice of Amendment to Asset Purchase Agreement Extending Certain Deadlines (the “Extension Notice”) (ECF No. 3171), which extended the Designation Rights Period to May 3, 2019 for certain Designatable Leases including the Lease and to May 13, 2019 for Additional Contracts.

G. On April 2, 2019, the Bankruptcy Court entered the *Order (I) Authorizing Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts and Leases and (II) Granting Related Relief* (the “Assumption and Assignment Order”) (ECF No. 3008).

H. On April 19, 2019, the Buyer filed the Statement/Notice of Assumption of Additional Designatable Leases, designating the Lease for assumption and assignment to the Buyer or Buyer affiliate pursuant to the terms of the Assumption and Assignment Order (ECF No. 3298) (the “Assumption Notice”), subject to the Bankruptcy Court’s approval and the right of counterparties to object as set forth in the Assumption Notice and the Assumption and Assignment Order.

I. On April 30, 2019, the Landlord filed *The Bruce Trusts’ (I) Designatable Contract Assumption and Assignment Objection, and (II) Reservation of Rights* (ECF No. 3421).

J. The deadline for the Debtors to assume or reject the leases pursuant to section 365(d)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code, including the Lease, is currently May 13, 2019 (the “Section 365(d)(4) Period”).

K. The Parties have agreed to an extension of the Section 365(d)(4) Period, based on the terms and conditions set forth below.

**IT IS THEREFORE AGREED, AND UPON BANKRUPTCY COURT APPROVAL  
HEREOF, IT SHALL BE ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Landlord hereby consents to a further extension of the Section 365(d)(4) Period to and including May 30, 2019.

2. The Parties desire to memorialize their agreement in this Stipulation and Order.

3. This Stipulation and Order shall be deemed effective and in full force and effect on the date of entry of this Stipulation and Order.

4. Pursuant to section 365(d)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Section 365(d)(4) Period is hereby extended to and including May 30, 2019. For the avoidance of doubt, such date shall remain the applicable date by which assumption or rejection of the Lease shall be permitted regardless of the date of confirmation of any plan of reorganization of the Debtors.

5. This Stipulation and Order hereby constitutes “prior written consent of the lessor” under section 365(d)(4)(B)(ii) of the Bankruptcy Code and no further consent of the Landlord shall be required.

6. Each of the Buyer, Debtors, and Landlord has consented to the Briefing Schedule set forth below and a hearing on May 23, 2019 (or such other hearing date as the Bankruptcy Court shall establish):

Date	Filing

May 14, 2019	Buyer's Initial Brief due.
May 17, 2019	Landlord's Response due.
May 21, 2019	Buyer's Sur-Reply due.
May 23, 2019	Hearing to resolve Landlord Objections.

7. In addition to any other obligations it may have under the Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of January 17, 2019, as amended, the Buyer agrees to bear all occupancy costs relating to the Lease during the period from May 13, 2019 through the Section 365(d)(4) Period, as extended by this Stipulation and Order.

8. Nothing herein shall be deemed to alter, amend or otherwise modify the terms of the Lease, and such terms shall continue in full force and effect up to the effective date of (a) rejection of the Lease or (b) assumption of the Lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and the Assumption and Assignment Order.

9. This Stipulation and Order is without prejudice to the Parties' agreement in writing to an additional extension of the Section 365(d)(4) Period beyond May 30, 2019.

10. This Stipulation and Order shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the Parties, their successors and assigns.

11. This Stipulation and Order may be executed in one or more counterparts, which collectively shall form one and the same agreement. Any of the Parties may execute this Stipulation and Order by signing any such counterpart and each of such counterparts (whether an original or a copy) shall for all purposes be deemed an original.

12. Pending entry of this Stipulation and Order by the Bankruptcy Court, neither party shall take actions inconsistent with the provisions of this Stipulation and Order. In the event that

this Stipulation and Order is not approved by the Bankruptcy Court or is not executed by the Parties, (a) nothing herein shall be used against any of the Parties hereto for any reason and (b) the obligations of the Parties under this Stipulation and Order shall be null and void, and with the exception of this paragraph, the Parties' respective rights and obligations under applicable law shall remain unaffected by this Stipulation and Order.

13. The Bankruptcy Court shall have jurisdiction over any action or proceeding arising out of, or relating to, this Stipulation and Order.

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Dated: May 7, 2019

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**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: White Plains, New York  
May 13, 2019

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE